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THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate with
Jesus.'**

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As we reach the midpoint of the academic year, it is wonderful to reflect on all we have accomplished at Holy Family. This halfway mark provides a valuable opportunity for the leadership team and staff to evaluate our progress and refine our priorities for the second half of the year. We remain committed to ensuring every child flourishes academically and spiritually, and we look forward to the exciting opportunities the coming months will bring.

It has been a busy and productive fortnight across the school. Last week, our Year 2, Year 5, and Year 6 pupils participated in important workshops led by the NSPCC. These sessions are vital in teaching our children how to stay safe and speak out, delivered in an age-appropriate and supportive environment.

This week, it has been great to see so many parents and family members join us for our Topic Celebrations. The children truly love sharing their learning with you; their faces light up as they demonstrate the progress they have made and the pride they take in their work. Thank you for your continued support of these events.

Looking ahead to next week, we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Evenings. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's individual achievements and set goals for the coming months. Our school attendance remains excellent this year to date, and I would like to thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring the children are in school every day. We are hopeful that the rainy weather clears up soon so the children enjoy mud free OPAL lunchtimes!

I wish you a restful half term when it arrives at the end of next week.

'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.' St. Francis of Assisi

God bless, Mrs Linnane

Upcoming Events

February

- 10th – Y4 class mass
- 11th – In person parent consultations
- 12th – Rec, Y2-6 online parent consultations
- 13th - Y5 Planetarium workshop

For regular news, updates and photos about life at our school!

Please see our website:
www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Facebook:
[TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](https://www.facebook.com/TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC)

Twitter:
[@holyfamilyWGC](https://twitter.com/holyfamilyWGC)



Stars of the week

Rec - Jaxon

Year 1 - Evelyne

Year 2 - Olivia

Year 3 - Sonny L

Year 4 – Alice W

Year 5 - Elaina

Year 6 - Antoni

Year 3

In year 3, we have had a fantastic start to the term! Celtic Harmony was a highlight. We had a fantastic day on our trip. We got to build our own dens, practice our hunting skills, watch a fire be started, see tools being made and we got to walk through a cave with prehistoric art work! We learnt lots about what life was like during the Stone Age times and how different daily life was from our lives now. We also did another activity, where we made our own Stone Age stew and also heard some wonderful Stone Age stories. We had a great day and thank you from year 3 to Mrs Myles and Mrs Wright for supporting too!



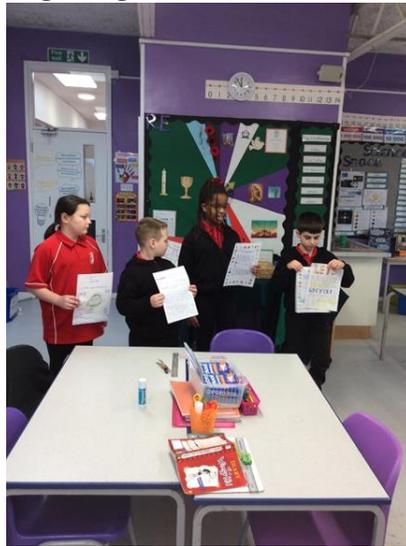
Year 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed starting ukulele lesson this term and so far have been learning the C and A minor chords. In English, we have been learning about real life mysteries and children wrote a newspaper report based on a mysterious event. Our maths lessons over the last few weeks, have been focused on fractions and learning to add and subtract fractions as well as finding equivalent fractions. In RE, we have been learning how Jesus was the servant messiah and studying the stories of Jesus healing others from the gospel of Matthew. The children have embraced the carnival theme of our PE lesson by learning some samba dance moves!



Year 5

In year 5 we have continued to produce some amazing work. In English we have been writing our persuasive letters, which are now finished and have been delivered to Mrs Linnane. In maths, we have been exploring, comparing and ordering fractions using equipment, resources and representations. In Science, we have been enjoying learning about the Earth and space. In geography, we have worked in groups to create presentations on how to help the oceans and have been learning about coral reefs. We have also completed our swimming sessions and have enjoyed learning a traditional South African song in music. In computing we are enjoying planning, designing and making our games.



Year 6

This week, we took part in the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshop. We explored how to recognise unsafe situations, the importance of speaking out, and where to seek help if we are worried or concerned.

As part of the workshop, we created a finger flexor to help us remember the key safety messages in a practical and memorable way.



Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to welcoming you to parent consultations this week.



- **All classes (Nursery - Year 6)** *in-person* consultation on the 11th February from 15:30
- **Reception, Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6** *online* consultation on the 12th February from 15:30

KS2 pupils (Y3-6) are invited to attend the appointment with you either in person or online should you feel it is appropriate. It is not age appropriate for **EY or KS1 pupils** to attend the appointment. If you are attending in person they can sit on a chair at the side of the hall, if it is online you should be in a different room to your child.

In person consultations

In person consultations will take place in the school hall and parents should enter school via the main entrance. It is important to arrive on time for your appointment, if you arrive late for your appointment the teacher may not be able to fit you in. Each appointment is 10 minutes and teachers will do their best to ensure that in person appointments run to schedule.

Online Consultations

Please ensure you are in an appropriate environment to have a productive conversation with your child's class teacher, ideally in a quiet room where you will not be disturbed. On the day of the online consultations please login using the link [here](#). Your appointment schedule will be displayed and you will then have the option to **'join video appointments'**. You should do this at least 5 minutes before your first appointment is due to start. Your child's teacher will also join the meeting virtually Please note that you must click the blue **'start appointment'** icon to access the meeting after you have logged on.

When you connect to your meeting you must **allow your computer or mobile device to access your camera and microphone**, otherwise staff will not be able to communicate with you. Each appointment is 10 minutes, School Cloud automatically disconnects after 10 minutes.

If you have not secured an appointment to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the office (01707 375518) on Monday morning.

English as an Additional Language

Last week we shared that we are reviewing our pupil language records so that we have accurate data and can offer support to children where needed.

If your child uses a language other than English, or is exposed to another language at home, **please can you take a couple of minutes to complete [this](#) short form.**

Many thanks to those parents who have already taken the time to submit a response.

Email communication with class teachers

To support effective communication, email correspondence to class teachers should only be sent within the working hours of 8.00 am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. Please be aware that teachers are unable to monitor or respond to emails whilst teaching. Responses to emails will be sent between 8am – 8.30am in the morning and between 3.30pm – 5.30pm, where possible. For all urgent matters or time-sensitive information, you should contact the school office directly by telephone or via admin@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk to ensure the message is received and actioned promptly. Many thanks for your support.

Clubs this half term

Please see a summary below of the school and external clubs that are running this half term:

	Organised by school <i>3.15-4.15pm</i> <i>No charge</i> <i>Booked via Arbor & queries to school office</i>	Organised by external providers <i>Check sign up details, times</i> <i>and prices for each club</i>
Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Table Tennis Club – Yr 5 & 6 (12th Jan – 9th Feb)Times Table Rockstars Club – Yr 3 & 4 (12th Jan – 9th Feb)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 & 2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Tues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multi-sports club Y1, Y2 & Y3 (13th Jan – 10th Feb)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chess Club – for Y2-Y6 Contact Zahra Jaufarally @ Kings and Queens Chess Club admin@kingsandqueenschess.co.uk 07900 048446 or sign up here
Weds		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details here or https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/
Thurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Play Club – Reception & Yr 1 (15th Jan – 12th Feb)Homework Club – Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 (15th Jan – 12th Feb)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6 Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or louise@everyonecooks.co.uk (see following page)
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Please see below for details on how to book cookery club for next half term



Bringing Cookery to the Classroom

What is Everyone Cooks? Well in a nutshell - we get kids cooking!

Starting from February 2026 - calling all chefs in Year 1 to Year 6 - Come and join us every Thursday from 3.15pm - 4.20pm

Starting Thursday 26th February - Thursday 26th March 2026 (5 workshops)

We are passionate about cooking and great believers that cooking is a life skill that sets children up for life and **EVERYONE** should have the opportunity to learn the basic skills.

What the Students will learn:

- Knife and cutting skills - *Students will be using sharp knives
- Mixing, weighing, peeling and measuring ingredients
- Children will make either a dish that they can eat straight away, pop in the fridge to set or a dish they may have to pop into the oven at home
- The importance of nutrition & balanced diet, hygiene and safety

All food and equipment is provided and Students will be provided with a recipe card and a container to take their food home; they'll want to show off what they've made!

We have a **creative and exciting recipe library** of sweet and savoury dishes, all recipes are made from scratch, **using REAL food.**

Prices are £12.50 per head, per workshop - payment to be made in full for the term (£62.50). Please be advised that we do not offer refunds.

We are only able to take a maximum of 15 children per workshop, please book in early to avoid disappointment!

Workshops to start in February 2026

To book please do contact me:

Phone: Louise Penn 07946 303213

Email: louise@everyonecooks.co.uk

HFFA Dates for your diary

FRIDAY
23RD JAN

3:15 Cake sale
Year 5 cake donations

FRIDAY
13TH FEB

3:15 Cake sale
Early Years cake donations

FRIDAY
27TH FEB

After school Disco
KS1 - 3:45 - 4:45 KS2 - 5:00 - 6:00

MONDAY
2ND MAR

Happy School Bag clothing
donation collection

FRIDAY
20TH MAR

3:15 Cake sale
Year 4 cake donations

MONDAY
20TH APRIL

Preloved Uniform Sale

FRIDAY
8TH MAY

3:15 Cake sale
Year 3 cake donations

FRIDAY
26TH JUNE

3:15 Cake sale
Year 2 cake donations

FRIDAY
3RD JULY

Family Colour Run

MONDAY
13TH JULY

Preloved Uniform Sale



More details to follow!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/holyfamilycatholicprimaryschool/>

Dates for the Diary

10th – 2.30pm Y4 Class Mass

11th – from 3.30pm in person Parent Consultations

12th – from 3.30pm Rec, Y2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 online Parent Consultations

13th – Y5 Astronomy Workshop

14th- 22nd February half term

23rd – Return to school

27th – HFFA School Discos

March

3rd –Y2 Pizza Express Trip

5th – Y6 British Schools Museum Trip

13th – Enrichment morning

